

UUFSD FOCUS – OCTOBER 2011



The Unitarian Universalist Fellowship of San Dieguito is a safe haven and community of inspiration creatively meeting the spiritual, social, educational and emotional needs of members and their families in ways consistent with our UU principles. Through this mutual support,

Rev. David A. Miller, Minister

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SUNDAY SERVICES – 10:00 a.m.

Child care is provided

Monthly theme: Brokenness

October 2, 2011: Association Sunday 2011 –

This year Association Sunday is focused on supporting excellence in ministry. On this Sunday we will explore the role, history and future of ministry in Unitarian Universalism.

Rev. David A. Miller

Luncheon follows the service today!

October 9, 2011: Yom Kippur 2011 – Atonement and Forgiveness for a Broken World -

We can demand accountability, we can demand change, we can demand compromise, but we have no standing without compassion, empathy, kindness, forgiveness and a space of grace for all our faults and challenges. *Choir sings today!*

Rev. David A. Miller

October 16, 2011: Brokenness – Living With Intention From the Lessons We Have Learned.

Rev. David A. Miller

October 23, 2011: It is broke, so let's fix it! –

History tells of many times when our institutions have been broken or at least not working the way they were designed. History also tells us that there have almost always been movements of change. *Choir sings today!*

Rev. David A. Miller

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October 30, 2011: Día de los Muertos Service Susan Hahm & Alison A.L.G.M. Crotty

New UU Orientation Class

Sunday, October 23 - 11:45 a.m.-1:15 p.m.

*This class will be held after the service in Palmer Library. We will begin with a light lunch at 11:45. This is an opportunity for those interested in Unitarian Universalism to learn more about UU history, philosophy and world view. Also, Fellowship members will be on hand to tell you a little about our own history and operation. **Childcare is available by reservation.***

DAVID'S DIALOGUE

Song for Autumn - Mary Oliver, New and Selected Poems: Volume Two Beacon Press

In the deep fall

don't you imagine the leaves think how comfortable it will be to touch the earth instead of the nothingness of air and the endless freshets of wind? And don't you think the trees themselves, especially those with mossy, warm caves, begin to think of the birds that will come - six, a dozen - to sleep inside their bodies? And don't you hear the goldenrod whispering goodbye, the everlasting being crowned with the first tufts of snow? The pond vanishes, and the white field over which the fox runs so quickly brings out its blue shadows. And the wind pumps its bellows. And at evening especially, the piled firewood shifts a little, longing to be on its way.

Those of you who have now known me for a couple of years know that my favorite time of the year is autumn. It is a season of gratitude. It is the season where the sunlight wanes, there is a crispness in the air (yes even in San Diego), and the feeling of the coming holidays infuses us as we come together with family, whether family of origin or family of choice. I also love this time of year in our congregation as we experience the promise of each new year and the new adventures that it brings.

You are a part of my family of choice and I am so deeply grateful for the opportunity to experience this time of year with all of you. We will laugh, cry, celebrate, share in yearly rituals and be joyful together. In these challenging times, we are so fortunate to have each other and I am indeed grateful for all of you.

This is a busy time of year for our congregation. Please note the announcements about upcoming events and activities as we join together during this season of colors, gratitude and togetherness.

In faith, **Rev. David**

YOM KIPPUR

For the second year in a row, we will be celebrating the breaking of the fast with friends and neighbors from First UU Church in San Diego. This traditional meal ending the Jewish High Holidays will be **Saturday, October 8, at 5:30 in Founders Hall**. The service is a family service, all are welcome and dinner will be a potluck following. This is a joint service, led by **Rev. David Miller**, Minister UUFSD and **Rev. Arvid Straube**, Senior Minister of First UU Church in San Diego.

This will be a loosely coordinated potluck, themed foods are encouraged: main dish, apples, honey, traditional foods of the Jewish Holidays, salads, desserts, etc. Volunteers from both First Church and UUFSD will be coordinating the meal.

Please contact **Beverly Conner** at UUFSD or **Liz Jones** at First Church: for more information.

Hope to see you then, la shana tova, (have a good year).

Rev. David



On **October 23rd** immediately following the service, we will hold our Third Annual Autumn Seed Planting Ritual in our community garden. This garden has been a wonderful project that has helped facilitate joy for those involved, adding beauty to the grounds, and nourishing the bodies and spirits of members of our congregation. This year we add a new purpose. A portion of what will be grown will be anonymously available for members of our congregation who are facing financial challenges. Our little garden may not produce a great deal, but we certainly can share a part of what is produced.

If you wish to join the Community Garden Team, please contact **Karen Eckhart**"

HOW TO SUBMIT NOMINATIONS FOR BOARD MEMBERS AND NOMINATIONS COMMITTEE MEMBERS

The Nominations Committee (**Anne Larocca, Steve Bartram** and **Susan Hahm**) is seeking UUFSD members interested in serving either on the Board of Directors or the Nominations committee for the coming terms. If you are interested, please review the process below (from the UUFSD By-Laws) and contact **Anne Larocca** for more details.

ARTICLE X: NOMINATIONS SECTION 1: NOMINATIONS COMMITTEE

(1) There shall be a Nominations Committee composed of three Voting Members, at least two of whom shall not be members of the Board. The Nominations Committee shall be responsible for conducting all elections.

(2) The Nominations Committee shall nominate three Voting Members, at least two of whom shall not be members of the Board, to serve as the Nominations Committee for the following year. There shall be an opportunity for nominations from the floor with the prior consent of the nominee.

(3) The Nominations Committee shall be elected at the Annual Meeting in January to a one-year term starting February 1.

(4) The Nominations Committee may be called upon by the Board to nominate Voting Members to vacant positions on the Board of Directors.

SECTION 2: NOMINATIONS FOR BOARD MEMBERS

(1) Nominations by Members: With the nominee's consent, nominations may be made in writing by any Voting Member to the Nominations Committee by a date to be determined and announced by that Committee. Nominations so received shall be announced at the two Sunday Services preceding the Annual Meeting and in the written notice of the meeting to be published in the newsletter received by the Voting Members at least ten days prior to the meeting.

(2) Nominations by Committee: The Nominations Committee shall, notwithstanding the number of nominations made by Voting Members as provided in (1) above, nominate a slate of candidates at least equal to the total number of Directors to be elected. The Nominations Committee shall nominate at least one person for President and one for Vice President. Nominations made by the Nominations Committee shall be announced as shown in this Article, Section 2 (1). No member of the Nominations Committee shall be nominated to the Board of Directors by the committee.

(3) Nominations from the Floor: Nominations shall be closed only after an opportunity has been given to Voting Members at the Annual Meeting to make further nominations, each with the nominee's prior consent.

Submitted by Anne Larocca



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RE NEWS

October comes with misty mornings that bring promise of fall. The chill in the San Diego air, reminds us that the rest of the country is awakening to their first frosts as we relish the afternoon sun that warms the air and lures us to our gardens. All across the country it is harvest time and even among the whispering palm trees that blow in our haven by the sea, we too have signs of season change. Burning bushes bright with orange berries and leaves, ablaze in the light of the afternoon. Moons rise a little lower and fill the sky, pumpkin ripe and full over the hills. Our harvest moon looks close enough to touch, to reach and taste the cheese, shake hands with the man on the moon and lead the weary jumping cow back to the barn. I celebrate this time of year, even though it is my busiest, and my thoughts and spirit soar to my relatives on my family farms in North Dakota who are harvesting their crops. It is this time of year where I feel the most connected to the earth and most aware of my interconnectedness with the physical, heart, soul and earth.

I am in RE harvesting mode as I encourage parents to volunteer. Reaping the rich stores of RE family legacy that stretch throughout our congregation as the parents of high school students, volunteer with the young children, who still smell of sunshine and have deliciously sticky hands that clasp yours. I see people who do not have children of their own, but realize that our congregation children are part of them, and volunteer to reconnect with a different generation. The bounty that is reaped within our Fellowship as people branch out and try different committees, stretch themselves spiritually and fulfill the obligations to the RE Program filling our classes with teachers and assistants.

It is not just volunteers that are harvested during this time at our Fellowship. As I gently cajole and answer adult questions on the patio, I see small hands waving to me from the arms of loved ones. It is time to reconnect with my young friends that I have missed through the summer. Raising my hand and putting my fingers to my lips, I give an exaggerated kiss and blow it to my little friend. Giggling, he smiles wider and sends a kiss back to me, his hands not exactly moving in concert with one another as the kiss blows on a closed fist. A heartbeat passes and then the fingers open and it floats to me tangible over the autumn air. Snagging

it, clutching it to my heart, I am full; full of love, harvesting seeds of friendship that have been planted which will bloom for years to come.

RE calendaring events that can be sown for our soul work in October.

Oct. 9th is our first **Children’s Chapel**. It is a time for me to connect with the Pre Kindergarten children to the 6th grades over a social action project. People are welcome to come and assist me and help our children articulate the UU faith into practices that affects our world outside the UUFSD campus.

On **October 12-14th** the **YRUU** from Southern California, Arizona and Nevada will come and join us for a weekend conference of youth empowerment. This is the **4th annual Halloween Conference** and it is a successful, sleep deprived experience that strengthens bonds across state lines and generations.

Then open to the public and our young ones is the **Halloween Carnival on Oct 29!** This is offered to the Fellowship by our YRUU youth and it is a blast!!! Everyone comes in costume; there are games for all ages, a spooky walk to the amphitheatre and tasty treats to indulge in. Celebrate with an Intergenerational experience that will liven our spirits. We shall toast the darkness, acknowledge the ghouls and goblins but this festival will certainly expel any ghosts that haunt a tired soul.

Love, Alison



MAKE TIME FOR JOY IN YOUR LIFE
Potluck and Game Night

The Joy Committee has planned our first of the new season Pot Luck. We had a great time with our last game night, so we are planning for another fun evening on **Friday October 21 at 6:30pm.**

Get your board game on and join us for some good cookin’ and a joyful time. Contact **Bev Conner** for any information. [_____](#)

NEW! YOUNG PEOPLE’S CHOIR

Announcing an 8-week **Young People’s Choir** to begin in **mid-October through mid -December**, open to **1st through 12th graders**. This choir will sing in at least one Sunday Service in December and perhaps more, TBA. For more information, please contact **Gianna Drogheo** at giannadrogheo@i i 3x.cff or call **858-750-3682**. Everyone is invited!

UUFSD MONTHLY DISCUSSION GROUPS New Evening Group Forming

The daytime group now meets at **10:00 a.m.** on the **first Wednesday** of each month. We alternate with each member having a chance to select a topic and act as moderator for the meeting which can take place at a member's home or at UUFSD Palmer Library. The subject matter for topics is wide open and can range from politics, religion, art, science, ecology, personal philosophy, special experiences, etc.

Recent topics we have discussed are:

1. The current Israeli-Arab conflict regarding Palestinian nationhood and membership in the UN.
2. What is the nature of corporations? Do they have social purposes as well as economic ones?
3. What kinds of jobs do unemployed Americans need? How do we create these jobs?
4. What works of literature, cinema, theatre etc. do you consider comedic? What is the role of comedy in your life?

For those UUFSD members and friends who cannot attend a daytime group, a new evening group is forming. Meeting in Palmer Library one week night a month, the group would follow the format of the current group. The rotating host member will moderate providing the discussion topic with some suggested articles, internet videos, etc. to illustrate some aspects of the issue.

For more information on either group contact **Maria Penny** or **Steve Rosen**"

For the new evening group, give Maria your contact information, and let her know if there are any nights you prefer and any nights that wouldn't work for you

WOMEN OF THE WORLD

Women of the World or WOW group meets on the **second** and **fourth Thursday** of every month from **12:30** to **2:00 pm**. We take turns hosting the meetings. The hostess chooses the designated location which could be her house, Palmer Library, a restaurant or any other convenient place.

The hostess also chooses the topic to be discussed. Linda Howard sends out an e-mail announcing the location and topic to be discussed on the Sunday before the meeting. Contact **Maria** for more information

Submitted by Maria Penny

SOCIAL ACTION COMMITTEE

The members of the Social Action Committee, with assistance from many UUFSD members, packed 42 backpacks after collecting cash donations and items during the month of August; half of the backpacks were delivered to the CRC in Encinitas for the families that receive assistance there. The rest of the backpacks will be delivered to Casas de Luz in Tijuana this month.

Social Action has two projects coming up in October and the committee members are looking for UUFSD members and friends to take part.

1) The weekend of **October 15th** and **16th**, they will be building another home in Tijuana. Families, teens, people of all ages, people with and without skills have always found this a rewarding experience. For more information or to participate in this construction project please contact **Kathy Faller** or **Brynn Craffey**.

2) As in years past, we are partnering with St. James Church in Solana Beach to manage the Interfaith Shelter. UUFSD will be responsible for the week of **October 30th** to **November 6th**. **Kevin West** has been at the Social Action table after Sunday services with sign-up sheets for cooks and chaperones.

In addition to these two activities, the social action committee will be hosting a **Generosity Sunday November 6th** to support the Interfaith Shelter.

Submitted by Maria Penny



COORDINATOR NEEDED FELLOWSHIP WEEKEND AT DE BENVILLE PINES

After ten years of shepherding the All Fellowship Weekend at de Benneville Pines, **Kathryn Sturch** is ready to pass the torch. She has prepared a detailed timeline and instructions for coordinating this event. If you are interested in coordinating registration or programming for this fun event, please contact her at th^Involvement@Fair after the service on **September 25**.



SEPTEMBER BUILDING AND GROUNDS WORK PARTY

Saturday, September 10 turned out to be a perfect day for a work party, cool, but sunny. **Pete diGirolamo, Stu Smith, and Darren Heinrichsen** trimmed the Tipuana trees at the memorial wall while **Stu Anderson** investigated root problems at the walkway between Founders Hall and the kitchen. **Michael Parr** cut off sprouts and suckers from the Brazilian Pepper tree at the main stair that is trying to take over the world. Meanwhile **Eleanor Batho** and **Ed Mlakar** removed the old worn out garbage disposal in the kitchen and installed a new one. **Erilynn Heinrichsen** cleared brush that had overgrown the path from Treetops to the brow of the amphitheater. **Greg Brown** made and installed a wire mesh cage to protect a Galvesia Speciosa bush from rabbits. We also pulled various weeds, told jokes, and had a delicious lunch prepared by **Betsy Gilpin** and **Judith Barney**. A good time was had by all. **Submitted by Irv Himelblau**

SWEET DREAMS

The **Dreamcatcher** strategic planning team has been facilitating small group meetings during the month of September. These meetings are designed to capture the dreams for the Fellowship. What brought you to this congregation; what keeps you here; what are you still looking for; where do you want the Fellowship to go in the future? These are the questions we are discussing.

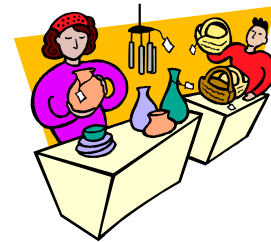
The results of these meetings will help shape our shared vision, and that vision will guide our future decisions. We make choices and set priorities each time we consider a budget or make a staffing decision. We want to make these choices based on the dreams of our beloved community.

If you have not participated in one of the Dreamcatcher small group meetings, you are invited to a final session to be held in **Founders Hall** on **October 2** after the worship service. Contact **Lisa Shaffer** for more information.

LOOKING FOR PERSONAL SPIRITUAL GROWTH?

Spiritual Growth Circles (SGCs) are returning. These monthly gatherings bring 6-10 people together for a structured discussion based on the theme that Rev. David is addressing that month. SGCs provide a way for you to get to know other members of UUFSO in a deep and meaningful way as we explore our own personal experiences in a spiritual context. We will begin taking sign-ups for this year's program in late September, with groups meeting for the first time during the last week of October and continue monthly through June. This is the third year of SGCs at our Fellowship. Some groups have been very satisfying for their participants; others weren't as successful at maintaining the schedule and attendance needed. We ask participants to make a commitment to show up every month so that the group can develop the trust and consistency needed to support spiritual exploration.

Watch for a sign-up table in the core area and if you are interested either in being a facilitator or in joining a group please contact **Lisa Shaffer**.



CALL for ARTISTS and LOVERS of ART UUFSO's 6th Annual ART FAIR

SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 6

This is a great opportunity for Fellowship artists to show/sell their artwork and for members to view and purchase original art in a variety of media. Artists will contribute a minimum of 20% of sales to benefit the Fellowship.

Applications will be available at the Art Fair table in the Core Area following Sunday services through **October 23rd**. Further details are included on the application form. For more information, or to request an application please contact **Karen Eckhart**.

NEW QUARTERLY MAGAZINE

So many exciting things are happening at UUFSD. In addition to our new website, we now have a new quarterly magazine. Our new DIALOGUE QUARTERLY MAGAZINE is now available online on our website under the "Events and Activities" page. Please access the link below to read our inaugural issue. Many thanks to the publicity committee, which is comprised of **Irv Himelblau, Maria Penny, Lisa Jackson, Sarah Wright, M.B. Taylor** and **Renae Greig**, for this wonderful new resource for keeping up on the happenings at the Fellowship. Please take the time to thank them personally when you see them on Sunday.

Our next magazine will come out in December or January. In order to be as green as possible we urge our members and friends to access the magazine from the website, however, we will also have a limited number of hard copies available at the UUFSD Publicity Committee table in the core area on Sunday, September 25.

Members can access the magazine through:
<http://uufsd.org/events-activities/quarterly-magazine/>
or <http://uufsd.org/events-activities/news/>
or <http://uufsd.org/tag/uufsd-magazine/>

**In love and fellowship,
Sara Appleton-Knapp**

THE NEW UUFSD LEADERSHIP TASK FORCE - JOIN US!

Our Fellowship is blessed with individuals of enormous talent and energy. We are always looking for those who desire to give something of themselves back to the Fellowship in a leadership capacity, and help make our visions a reality. In an effort to identify those individuals, the UUFSD Board has authorized the creation of an exploratory Leadership Task Force, the mission of which is to identify those individuals who may desire to take on a leadership role in the areas of their interest, to foster their leadership abilities and to match them with Fellowship committees and projects that are compatible with their talents and interests.

If you are interested in being a part of this task force, please contact **Pamela Parker**.

Thank you!



COMMUNICATION AT UUFSD

Our new web site: **uufsd.org**, is up and running. Members and friends are encouraged to spend a few minutes looking over the site. You will find comprehensive accounts of Fellowship activities, schedules of events, and information on all our committees, spiritual and social groups.

The new UUFSD Quarterly Magazine *Dialogue*, is also available on line at <http://uufsd.org/events-activities/quarterly-magazine>. It is a forum for expanded articles on topics of interest to our members. Additionally, each issue will spotlight the efforts, accomplishments, and passions of different members of our fellowship. If you have a topic you want to see explored or have a yen to share your mission and passion with the membership, contact **Irv Himelblau**

Another method that we use to communicate our events and activities to members and visitors is our bulletin board. Please peruse the bulletin board at your leisure. In addition to the monthly activity report, there are flyers with more expanded explanations of some of the activities available on our campus. We also post photographs of events and, as new members join, their photos and bios.

Every week the Publicity Committee sets up a Save the Date table in the core area. Flyers of current events and upcoming events are featured. We also maintain a listing of our Committees, Spiritual Groups and Social Groups. We encourage you to pass by the table to chat and check out What's Happening at our Fellowship.

UUFSD maintains two email lists that allow us to communicate to members and friends.

The **UUFSD Announcements list** is for "official" UUFSD announcements, such as weekly emails about each Sunday's service and other announcements about Fellowship events and activities. Only staff and board members post emails to this list.

The **UUFSD Online list** is for members to use to send emails to the member community. Anyone can post emails to this list, and anything is fine, as long as it is in accord with UU principles and is likely to be of interest to all members. To post to this list, simply create an email and address it to UUFSDOnline@yahoogroups.com. For more information, or to be added or removed from a list, contact.

Submitted by Irv Himelblau